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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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To the Chairman and Members of the Norham & Islandshires Rural District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my third Annual Report on the health and sanitary conditions of Norham and Islandshires Rural District which relates to the year 1962.

The estimated mid-year population for the district shows no change from the previous year. Likewise, the birth rate was practically identical with 1961 and this rate is considerably below the national level.

Unfortunately, after a period of two years in which no infant death occurred, one child under the age of one year died in 1962.

The death rate was also very similar to the level of 1961 and 60% of the deaths were due to cardio-vascular conditions. One death in eight was caused by malignant disease, and there was a small increase in the number of deaths due to pneumonia and bronchitis.

One case of tuberculosis was notified, and apart from this one instance, there was no other case of infectious disease in the district.

The vaccination and immunisation rate of the district is fairly satisfactory, although the number of infants under the age of one who have been protected against smallpox, diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus is not as high as could be hoped for. The level of immunisation against poliomyelitis is very good. There must now be very few young people in the district who have not been protected against this illness.

The Public Health Inspector mentions in his report the satisfactory working of the new sewage plants installed by the District Council, and it is gratifying to note that the preparation of plans for sewage plants in the villages of Ord, Horncliffe and Norham are in hand. Some nuisance has resulted in the present disposal arrangements at Ord and a satisfactory means of sewage disposal for this village would be greatly welcomed.

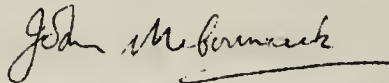
It is satisfactory to note that there has been a steady number of applications for housing improvement grants. Further extensions of main water supplies and the provision of sewage treatment plants throughout the district should result in further applications for these grants which are an excellent method of improving

the housing in any district.

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation of the help I have received from the Chairman and Members of the Council and from the Council staff during the year.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John McBurnick". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Medical Officer of Health



GENERAL STATISTICS

The area of the district was 47,011 acres.

The number of inhabited houses was 1,349 and the number of new houses completed during the year was 5.

The rateable value was £32,959 and the sum represented by a penny rate was £126.

The estimated mid-year population was 4,100 and this figure was taken when calculating the birth and death rate.

VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	26	19	45
Illegitimate	<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3</u>
Totals	<u>29</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>48</u>
Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 of the population			11.70
Crude Birth Rate multiplied by Comparability Factor			12.75
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births			6.25
<u>Still Births</u>			
Legitimate	2	-	2
Illegitimate	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Totals	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 total live and still births			40.00
Total live and still births			50
<u>Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)</u>			
Legitimate	-	1	1
Illegitimate	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Totals	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Infant Mortality Rates</u>			
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births			20.83
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births			22.22
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births			-
<u>Neo-natal Mortality Rate</u>			
Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births			-
<u>Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate</u>			
Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births			-
<u>Perinatal Mortality Rate</u>			
Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths			40.00
<u>Maternal Mortality (including abortion)</u>			
Number of deaths			-
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births			-

<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Males</u> 20	<u>Females</u> 25	<u>Total</u> 45
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 of the population			10.97
Crude Death Rate multiplied by Comparability Factor			9.65
Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis			-
Deaths from Other Puerperal Causes			-
Deaths from Cancer			6

#### CHIEF CAUSES OF DEATH

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	-	-	-
Tuberculosis (Other)	-	-	-
Syphilitic Disease	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infections	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-
Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	2	-	2
" " Lung, Bronchus	1	-	1
" " Breast	-	1	1
" " Uterus	-	1	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	-	1	1
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	-	-	-
Diabetes	-	-	-
Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System	4	5	9
Coronary Disease, Angina	3	6	9
Hypertension with Heart Disease	-	-	-
Other Heart Disease	2	5	7
Other Circulatory Disease	2	-	2
Influenza	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	2	2
Bronchitis	2	1	3
Other diseases of Respiratory System	-	-	-
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	-	-	-
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	-	-	-
Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	-	-
Hyperplasia of Prostate	-	-	-
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	-	-	-
Congenital Malformations	-	-	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	2	3
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	-	1
All Other Accidents	1	1	2
Suicide	-	-	-
Homicide and operations of war	1	-	1
Totals	<u>20</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>45</u>

#### INFANT MORTALITY

<u>Cause of Death</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>
Acute Broncho-pneumonia	1 month	Home



INFECTIOUS DISEASES

There were no notifications of infectious disease during the year.

TUBERCULOSIS

Age Groups	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0-15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25-45	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATIONNorth No. 1 and 2 Areas

The following table shows the number of persons vaccinated against poliomyelitis during the year ended 31st December, 1962.

			<u>Number of Persons</u>
Two injections	-	Salk Vaccine	608
Third Booster	-	Salk Vaccine	470
Fourth Booster	-	Salk Vaccine	85
Three Doses	-	Oral Vaccine	915
Booster dose oral after two Salk injections			1,495
Booster dose oral after three Salk injections			583

IMMUNISATION

Primary Immunisation									Secondary (Reinforcing) Injections							
	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5/9	10/14	Total	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5/9	10/14	Total
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	4	2	1	8
Diphtheria and Tetanus	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus	30	3	-	-	-	-	-	33	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3
Totals	30	4	-	-	-	-	-	34	1	-	-	-	4	5	1	11

SMALLPOX VACCINATIONNorth No. 1 Area

Number Vaccinated During Period							Number Re-vaccinated						
District	Under 1	1	2-4	5-14	15 or over	Total	Under 1	1	2-4	5-14	15 or over	Total	
Berwick M.B.	133	31	22	44	108	338	-	-	8	14	103	125	
Belford R.D.	30	5	4	19	10	68	3	-	1	22	91	117	
Glendale R.D.	110	5	10	30	32	187	-	-	-	23	84	107	
Norham R.D.	19	2	1	-	7	29	-	-	1	5	27	33	
Totals	292	43	37	93	157	622	3	-	10	64	305	382	

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SURVEYOR AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR1962To the Chairman and Members of the Norham & Islandshires Rural District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Report for the year 1962.

WATER SUPPLIES

As from 1st April, 1962, the District Council water undertakings were transferred to the Newcastle and Gateshead Water Company. During the year, the scheme for the extension of the Ord water main to Longridge was completed. It is expected that the extension of the Fenwick water supply to Haggerston will be commenced and completed during 1963.

SEWERAGE

Throughout the year, the sewage plants installed post-war by the District Council at Holy Island, Scremerston and Cornhill operated very satisfactorily. Similar or equivalent plants are required for the villages of Ord, Horncliffe and Norham; the preparation of which is in hand.

PLANS

There were 54 plans deposited during the year together with the necessary applications under the Town and Country Planning Acts and Local Byelaws. Of these applications 51 were approved and 3 refused.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Many minor infestations, unearthed throughout the year, were speedily and efficiently cleared by the operator.

Sewers throughout the District Council villages were test baited, and in some cases, minor infestations revealed, subsequently cleared by the operator.

An extremely heavy infestation was dealt with on one farm, which was only cleared at considerable expense, the cost of which, however, was borne by the farmer. It is significant to report that this occurs once every few years at this farm, and because of its nature, treatment is both lengthy and expensive. The Regional Office of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is fully aware of the position and assists to a considerable extent with advice and reports.

WATER SAMPLESCollected for Analysis

	Total	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Chemical	1	1	-
Bacteriological	6	6	-



HOUSING

During the year five new houses were built, all by private persons.  
No houses were built by the District Council.

HOUSING STATISTICS 1962

Number of houses in the Rural District 1,349  
Total number of houses owned by Local Authority 274

New Houses completed during the year	With State Assistance	Unaided	Total
(a) By Local Authority	-	-	-
(b) By any other Housing Authority	-	-	-
(c) By private persons	5	-	5

Houses Demolished (a) in Clearance Areas -  
(b) not in Clearance Areas 6  
Houses closed 2  
Number of undertakings accepted not to let houses 2

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS(1) Discretionary Grants

(a) Applications submitted 4  
(b) Applications approved 4

(2) Standard Grants

(a) Applications submitted 6  
(b) Applications approved 6

After the installation of new sewerage at Holy Island during 1961, a flood of applications for Improvement Grants were received and approved by the District Council. Unfortunately, the submission of applications waned later, and at the end of 1962, there remains 29 properties on Holy Island, which by reason of their soundness of structure, would qualify for Grant assistance.

CARAVANS

Two caravan sites are sited in the area - Haggerston and East Ord.  
Both are admirably conducted and are very popular.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937

Number of factories throughout the area	23
Inspections carried out	18
Contraventions found	1
Informal Notices served	-

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE - HOLY ISLAND

This convenience is open from Easter to October, and closed for the Winter months. The attendant is conscientious, and the standard of cleanliness is high, but vandalism by outsiders spoils a lot of his good work.

INSPECTION OF FOOD PREMISES

One hundred and one visits were made during the year to the private licenced slaughterhouse at Norham.

Animals Slaughtered

Steers	260
Sheep and Lambs	452
Pigs	-

MEAT AND OTHER FOOD STUFFS CONDEMNED

Beef - Home killed	342 lbs.
Tinned goods	32 tins
Bacon	10 lbs.
Ham	32 lbs.

The number of food premises registered under Section 16, Food and Drugs Act, 1955, was:-

(a) For the sale of ice-cream	11
(b) For the preparation or manufacture of sausages, or potted, pickled or preserved food	4

REFUSE COLLECTION

One five ton Bedford Refuse Collection Vehicle and two men maintain this meagre but nevertheless satisfactory service. Collection is made approximately once per fortnight from all premises within the District, with disposal at two recognised tips.



NUMBER AND NATURE OF INSPECTIONS MADE DURING THE YEAR

Complaints and Nuisances	5
Disinfection and disinfestation	4
Factories	18
Food premises - Food and Drugs Act, 1955	30
Houses - Insanitary	31
Ice-cream premises	11
Rodent infested premises	40
Slaughterhouse meat inspection	101
Caravan sites	20
Water Supplies	5
Notifiable Diseases	1
Improvement Grants	50
Council House Repairs	130
Building Byelaws	50
Storage of Petroleum	15
Planning - Town and Country Planning	40
Refuse Disposal	30
Sewage Works	160
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<u>TOTAL VISITS - INSPECTIONS MADE</u>	<u>741</u>

I am,  
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Surveyor and Public Health Inspector

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